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Olefins and Other Hydrocarbons
As Base Oils For Invert Emulsion
Oil Muds

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**Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and
Resubmission of Amendment**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 14, 2004. That Notice concerned Applicants' Amendment and Response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 24, 2003. Applicants' Amendment had failed to include the text of the claims previously withdrawn pursuant to the Examiner's earlier restriction requirement. Applicant had also referred to a claim as "Currently Canceled" instead of as "Canceled".

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants have rewritten the amendment to include the text of the withdrawn claims and to refer to all canceled claims as "Canceled" regardless of when the claims were canceled. The entire corrected amendment is submitted below. No fee is believed due for this corrected submission. In the event that the Commissioner determines a fee to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge same to undersigned's Deposit Account no. 50-0807.

Applicants believe that the amendment is now in the proper form and respectfully request that it be entered.